

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2767 - SB 2998

March 11, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Permits the driver of a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or motor-driver cycle and any passenger thereon to ride without a crash helmet the week before Memorial Day or the week following Labor Day of each year. Requires all law enforcement agencies to report to the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) any accidents involving such vehicles and the severity of any injuries from such accidents. Specifies that the report must include whether the riders were wearing a helmet. Requires the THP to compile a report from such information and present it to the House and Senate Transportation Committees by February 1 of each year. Provisions of the bill sunset February 2, 2007.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - To the extent crash related injuries (head injuries) occur which would not have occurred in the absence of the bill to individuals on state or local government health plans or TennCare, the health plans and TennCare could experience increased costs. Under the limitations placed on the helmet exemption, this estimate assumes such increased costs are much less likely than in the event of a full-time helmet exemption but they could exceed \$100,000 depending on the severity of any one injury.

Estimate assumes:

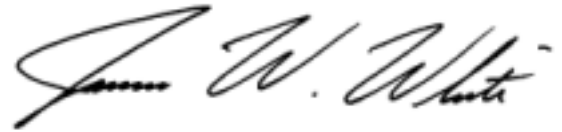
- a not significant increase in state expenditures for the costs to the THP to collect, compile, and report the information on motorcycle accidents.
- a not significant increase in local government expenditures for the costs to local law enforcement agencies to collect and transmit the required information to the THP.
- impact depends on the number of persons not convicted of the offense of failure to wear a helmet during the period before Memorial Day and after Labor Day that would have been under current law and the resulting decreased cost to local governments not having to confine such persons versus the decreased state and local revenues from fines not levied or collected under the provisions of the bill.

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- the state receives fines in accordance with TCA 55-10-303.
- clerks receive commission on fines collected.
- impact only affects FY 04-05 through FY 06-07.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director